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Six terrific trips by road in the UK

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Get your motor running, strap yourself in and drive one of our recommended UK routes. They won't disappoint.

1 North Coast 500, Scotland

For those who love the rugged beauty of a remote coastline, the North Coast 500 is a driving experience like no other. This 500-mile route circles the entire coast of the Scottish Highlands, offering a mix of stunning scenery, historic sites, and charming villages. The route is divided into five stages, each with its own set of highlights and challenges. It's a must-do for anyone looking for a truly unforgettable road trip in Scotland.

How far: 500 miles
Duration: 10-12 days (if you're not too tired)
Best for: Those who love a challenge and want to see some of the most beautiful scenery in Scotland.

Must-see locations: The route passes through some of the most beautiful scenery in Scotland, including the Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands, and the Scottish Highlands. Key stops include the Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands, and the Scottish Highlands.

VISIT

- Orkney Islands:** A group of islands in the North Sea, known for their ancient ruins and stunning scenery.
- Shetland Islands:** A group of islands in the North Sea, known for their ancient ruins and stunning scenery.
- The Scottish Highlands:** A region of Scotland known for its rugged mountains and stunning scenery.

2 Conwy and Llandudno, Wales

For those who love a mix of history and nature, the Conwy and Llandudno route is a perfect choice. This 100-mile route takes you from the historic town of Conwy to the coastal town of Llandudno, passing through some of the most beautiful scenery in Wales. The route is divided into three stages, each with its own set of highlights and challenges. It's a must-do for anyone looking for a truly unforgettable road trip in Wales.

How far: 100 miles
Duration: 3-4 days
Best for: Those who love a mix of history and nature.

Must-see locations: The route passes through some of the most beautiful scenery in Wales, including the Conwy Valley, the Llandudno Peninsula, and the Welsh Coast. Key stops include the Conwy Valley, the Llandudno Peninsula, and the Welsh Coast.

VISIT

- Conwy Valley:** A valley in North Wales, known for its ancient ruins and stunning scenery.
- Llandudno Peninsula:** A peninsula in North Wales, known for its ancient ruins and stunning scenery.
- Welsh Coast:** A region of Wales known for its rugged coastline and stunning scenery.

3 Atlantic Highway, Ireland

For those who love a mix of history and nature, the Atlantic Highway is a perfect choice. This 100-mile route takes you from the historic town of Galway to the coastal town of Doolin, passing through some of the most beautiful scenery in Ireland. The route is divided into three stages, each with its own set of highlights and challenges. It's a must-do for anyone looking for a truly unforgettable road trip in Ireland.

How far: 100 miles
Duration: 3-4 days
Best for: Those who love a mix of history and nature.

Must-see locations: The route passes through some of the most beautiful scenery in Ireland, including the Galway Region, the Doolin Peninsula, and the Irish Coast. Key stops include the Galway Region, the Doolin Peninsula, and the Irish Coast.

VISIT

- Galway Region:** A region in the west of Ireland, known for its ancient ruins and stunning scenery.
- Doolin Peninsula:** A peninsula in the west of Ireland, known for its ancient ruins and stunning scenery.
- Irish Coast:** A region of Ireland known for its rugged coastline and stunning scenery.

4 THE ROAD TO THE ISLES, Scotland

For those who love a mix of history and nature, the Road to the Isles is a perfect choice. This 100-mile route takes you from the historic town of Inverness to the coastal town of Skye, passing through some of the most beautiful scenery in Scotland. The route is divided into three stages, each with its own set of highlights and challenges. It's a must-do for anyone looking for a truly unforgettable road trip in Scotland.

How far: 100 miles
Duration: 3-4 days
Best for: Those who love a mix of history and nature.

Must-see locations: The route passes through some of the most beautiful scenery in Scotland, including the Inverness Region, the Skye Peninsula, and the Scottish Coast. Key stops include the Inverness Region, the Skye Peninsula, and the Scottish Coast.

VISIT

- Inverness Region:** A region in the north of Scotland, known for its ancient ruins and stunning scenery.
- Skye Peninsula:** A peninsula in the north of Scotland, known for its ancient ruins and stunning scenery.
- Scottish Coast:** A region of Scotland known for its rugged coastline and stunning scenery.

5 Yorkshire Dales, England

For those who love a mix of history and nature, the Yorkshire Dales is a perfect choice. This 100-mile route takes you from the historic town of York to the coastal town of Scarborough, passing through some of the most beautiful scenery in England. The route is divided into three stages, each with its own set of highlights and challenges. It's a must-do for anyone looking for a truly unforgettable road trip in England.

How far: 100 miles
Duration: 3-4 days
Best for: Those who love a mix of history and nature.

Must-see locations: The route passes through some of the most beautiful scenery in England, including the Yorkshire Dales, the Scarborough Peninsula, and the English Coast. Key stops include the Yorkshire Dales, the Scarborough Peninsula, and the English Coast.

VISIT

- Yorkshire Dales:** A region in the north of England, known for its ancient ruins and stunning scenery.
- Scarborough Peninsula:** A peninsula in the north of England, known for its ancient ruins and stunning scenery.
- English Coast:** A region of England known for its rugged coastline and stunning scenery.

6 Black Mountain Pass, New Zealand

For those who love a mix of history and nature, the Black Mountain Pass is a perfect choice. This 100-mile route takes you from the historic town of Christchurch to the coastal town of Dunedin, passing through some of the most beautiful scenery in New Zealand. The route is divided into three stages, each with its own set of highlights and challenges. It's a must-do for anyone looking for a truly unforgettable road trip in New Zealand.

How far: 100 miles
Duration: 3-4 days
Best for: Those who love a mix of history and nature.

Must-see locations: The route passes through some of the most beautiful scenery in New Zealand, including the Christchurch Region, the Dunedin Peninsula, and the New Zealand Coast. Key stops include the Christchurch Region, the Dunedin Peninsula, and the New Zealand Coast.

VISIT

- Christchurch Region:** A region in the south of New Zealand, known for its ancient ruins and stunning scenery.
- Dunedin Peninsula:** A peninsula in the south of New Zealand, known for its ancient ruins and stunning scenery.
- New Zealand Coast:** A region of New Zealand known for its rugged coastline and stunning scenery.



Six of the Most Memorable Road Trips in the UK

Sometimes it just makes sense to fill up the car, pack a few bags and head out to the country. The good news is that, if you're looking for a great road trip, the UK has some of the best scenery, gently winding roads and invigorating fresh air in the world.

Now the team at **OSV** have created a useful infographic highlighting 6 of the best road trips around the UK. They're all certainly worth some time to explore, whether you have just a day to spare or a whole week.

Here's a quick look at the best the UK has to offer:

6. The Black Mountain Pass

The Black Mountain Pass, a favourite with people who test drive cars and the Top Gear team. Situated in the heart of the Brecon Beacons in South Wales, it's 20 miles of intricate winding roads over high country and offers some stunning views. It's also the kind of road trip you can cover in less than a day.

5. The Yorkshire Dales

A classic location for a great road trip in the height of summer, it includes the Buttertub Pass and takes you through some archetypical Yorkshire villages from Swaledale to Wensleydale. At just 37 miles all told, you can cover the trip in one or two days depending on how quick or how slow you want to take things.

4. The Road to the Isles

The northern reaches of Scotland are perfect for a road trip across beautiful countryside. The route runs from Fort William to Mallaig and has some of the best scenery you could ever hope to see, with long stretches of moorland and brilliant views of the mountains.



It's also the perfect place to witness a sunset or two across the small islands in the north. If you're a history fan there's plenty to see and do and you should plan to take at least two or three days to make sure you don't miss anything.

3. The Atlantic Highway

It's better known as the A39 and stretches from Cornwall up to Bristol. Covering a distance of 135 miles, you'll be able to visit the Cornish towns of Padstow and Bude, catch some waves if you're into surfing or just settle down and enjoy the summer weather. If you are a naturalist at heart, Bodmin Moor is a great place to explore. All in all, it's another road trip you'll need at least 3 or 4 days to take everything in.

2. The Causeway Coastal Route

If you fancy some Irish hospitality, take the ferry to Londonderry or Belfast. Fans of Game of Thrones may spot a familiar location or two but there's also plenty of historic interest and breathtaking landscape to admire. At 154 miles, you should be looking to spend at least 5 days exploring the area.

1. The North Coast 500

Starting in Inverness in Scotland, the NC500 is one of the most popular routes with tourists from around the world. It will take a week of driving to discover every little gem this brilliant trail offers, particularly for the enthusiastic road tripper. Covering 516 miles, you'll certainly see everything great that Scotland has to offer including the ruins of Ardvreck in Assynt.